

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13-21, and 23-25 are pending in this application. Claim 12 is canceled by the present response without prejudice. Claims 1-2, 4-5, 20-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over RFC 1738 "Uniform Resource Locators (URL)" 1994 (herein "RFC 1738") and further in view of U.S. patent 6,275,490 to Mattaway et al. (herein "Mattaway") and U.S. patent 6,275,490 to Godbole and U.S. patent 5,918,019 to Valencia. Claims 7, 8, 12, 17-19, and 23-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Mattaway and Godbole and Valencia and further in view of RFC 1738. Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Mattaway further in view of Godbole and Valencia. Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Mattaway and further in view of U.S. patent 5,732,133 to Mark, Godbole and Valencia. Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Mattaway and further in view of U.S. patent 4,585,904 to Mincone et al. (herein "Mincone") Godbole and Valencia. Claims 14-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Mattaway and further in view of U.S. patent 5,835,724 to Smith, Godbole and Valencia.

Addressing the above-noted rejections, each of the above-noted rejections is traversed by the present response.

It is initially noted that each of the independent claims is amended by the present response to clarify a feature recited therein. For example independent Claim 1 further recites a feature that the information further includes information "configured to confirm that a communication link with said predetermined apparatus has been established". The other independent claims are herein amended to recite a similar feature.

Such a feature is shown, as a non-limiting example, in steps S12, S13 in Figure 3B in the present specification, and is also shown in window 31 in Figure 5. As noted in those

portions; a message can be displayed on a window 31 requesting a user to confirm that a display telephone number shall be called. For example Figure 5 shows displaying the question "Are you sure that the telephone number XXX-XXX-XXXX shall be called?...".

Such features as clarified in each of the independent claims are believed to clearly distinguish over the applied art.

More particularly, none of the applied art is believed to teach or suggest such a feature of providing a confirmation operation that a communication link with the predetermined apparatus shall be established.

Such a feature as noted above and as clarified in each of the independent claims was also similarly recited in dependent claim 12. That feature is addressed on page 7 of the Office Action in which the Office Action recognizes that "Mattaway does not specifically disclose confirming that the confirmation link shall be established. It is well known in the art to offer the user confirmation when action with sequence or cost to the user is about to be performed...".

The above-noted grounds for rejection is believed to be clearly improper as it simply does not point out any prior art to support the basis for the rejection.

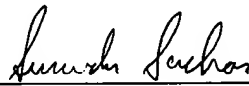
As noted in M.P.E.P. § 2143, the teaching or suggestion to make a modification of a reference must be found in the prior art and not in Applicants' disclosure. It is only the Applicants' present disclosure that discloses the feature now clarified in the claims.

In such ways, each of the claims are believed to distinguish over the applied art.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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